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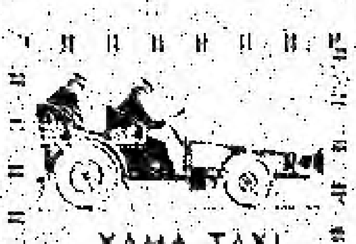
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Qualitative Analysis

By Y. E.

Sincerity . . . . . "The dash of bitters in Canadian politics" is the term of respect given to the veteran member for Comox-Alberni, A. W. Neill, who is running for the last time in a federal election. His name, of course, is familiar to most of us, because he has campaigned consistently for over two decades for a policy of Oriental exclusion. And in his campaigning, his remarks about the Japanese in British Columbia have rarely been complimentary.

A remarkable-looking individual approaching his seventies, bald-headed, tall and somewhat stooped, deep-set piercing eyes above a hawkline nose, sharp-featured . . . his whole appearance combined with biting speech justifies his description, and makes him a formidable opponent.

In a recent press report he again re-affirmed his absolute opposition to any further Oriental immigration, and voiced his pride in the fact that he has been responsible in part for successive restrictions.

Naturally the Nisei do not like him, and do not hesitate to describe him as "anti-Japanese," and so forth. But I think his whole record is a tribute to his sincerity, to the fact that he really believes what he says, and to his courage for fighting for it for so long.

I think we ought to admire these qualities. Certainly we can understand Mr. Neill with tolerance, patience and dignity.

We are not alone . . . . . In the library yesterday I met a former classmate of mine, a Canadian-born Chinese. Not so long ago he graduated at the head of his class with high honours in mining engineering. Both of us asked the other, "Anything doing yet?" and both of us answered "No, not yet." He said he was leaving shortly for the Cariboo to try his luck at placer mining.

We, as second generation Japanese, are too prone to think of ourselves as being singled out for discrimination. We forget that there are Chinese young people facing the same struggle we face. The friendship and goodwill of our Chinese cousins is a fight we ought to cultivate as much as we can. Not only because we should find a genuine pleasure in their friendship, but also because we have so much in common.

Post Scriptum . . . . . And so to press with Easter and Springtime beckoning on every hand. It's a privilege and experience to sit here in the office of a newspaper such as this, with your finger upon the throbbing pulse of Nisei life. Here we weave a tapestry of the day by day events upon a sheet of paper on our typewriter—a tapestry shot through and through with the evanescent and fleeting bright spots of people's lives.

Glancing at this tapestry, I think I can say at Eastertime that my faith still holds strong. Not the same faith I had as a child, but one made stronger by the breath of reality. Disillusionment has come, and come hard, but where there is faith there is hope, and in faith and hope lies happiness.

Behind the Front Page:

Photo by Jo Seko

A second representative group of second generation to undertake the editing of The New Canadian are the above members of the Powell Japanese United Church Young People's Society, who offer this Easter issue as the product of their journalistic ability.

Adding the finishing touches to the paper last night, the editorial staff paused long enough to allow staff-cameraman Jo Seko to snap this shot.

Seated on the desk in traditional style is sports editor "Jimmie" Suzuki, showing the strain of covering the Nisei athletic beat. Standing behind the desk are Miss Aki Hyodo and Miss Miyei Okamura, news editors, concentrating on a problem of make-up for the front page, while seated are Takashi Komiyama, editorial writer, and editor-in-chief Eiji Yatabe, president of the Society.

Standing on the right is Dr. E. C. Banno, feature editor, watching Miss Frances Fukushima, out-of-town news editor, hard at work.

On The Newsfront

A.O.T.S. Conducts Borstal Home Service.

The Japanese A.O.T.S. Men's Club brought to a close a very heavy program of activity with their visit to Windsor Church March 19, for a St. Patrick's supper. On Sunday, March 17, they took charge of the worship service at the New Haven Borstal Home, with T. Yasuntaka and T. Shimotakahara conducting. The sermon was given by Takashi Komiyama. Miss Mariko Uyeda rendered two solos.

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Striking Firemen Win Demands.

Six Japanese firemen and trimmers who walked off the Greek freighter Thalia in port of Vancouver with other members of the crew, won their demands for an increase in wages. They claimed that they had signed on in Japan, on the understanding that the freighter was not bound for the war zone, but on arriving in Vancouver, learned that the Thalia was actually headed for England. They won an increase of £3 per month, plus bonus.

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Police State Indecency Charges False.

A complete police investigation into charges made by the Vancouver News-Herald that a Japanese resident of Steveston was responsible for the circulation of indecent pictures in city schools revealed that no Japanese could have been involved at any stage of the case, according to a statement from the Board of Police Commissioners this week. The statement said that investigations proved that juveniles were responsible.

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Onotera Again Heads Riverside JCCL.

EAST RICHMOND.—Hideo Onotera was elected to the presidency of the Delta-East Richmond-Surrey JCCL for the third consecutive year, at the chapter's annual election meeting, March 17. Assisting him on the executive are Tom Oikawa, vice-president for the third year; Y. Sato, corresponding secretary; Miss E. Oikawa, recording secretary; T. Tamaki, chairman; T. Onotera, treasurer; S. Muramatsu, G. Kumagai, auditors; T. Tamaki, G. Sasaki and T. Suzuki, convenors.

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Night Life Booms in Japan.

TOKYO.—Contrary to expectations and to the amazement of government officials and others who were supposed to be in a position to forecast such matters, night life boomed in the latter part of 1939, as shown by a recent survey based on Government statistics.

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Japan to Restore Industrial Interests.

NANKING. — Stressing that Japan was chiefly interested in the establishment of a progressive and efficient central government for China that would co-operate with Japan, General Nishio, commander of the Japanese forces in China, stated that mines and industrial plants taken over by his troops, would be returned as soon as the new government headed by Wang Ching-wei is established.

Score of Nisei Societies Send Delegates To Second Youth Congress

Indicating a keen and widespread interest in the Youth Congress Movement, some thirty representatives from 18 Nisei organizations will attend the Second Annual Provincial Youth Congress, to be held in the Vancouver Normal School, Easter weekend, to join in the discussion of the political, economic, social and cultural problems common to all Canadian youth.

At a preliminary meeting of delegates called by the National JCCL delegates agreed to meet together in a Nisei caucus, for discussion of questions and resolutions affecting the Nisei particularly.

Edward T. Ouchi, JCCL general secretary and chairman of the meeting, outlined the scope of Congress work, and urged that the delegates familiarize themselves with the congress, and study the research material.

A resolutions committee of Hide Hyodo, Dan Washimoto and Yoshimitsu Higashi was set up to assist the Nisei caucus to draft any resolutions they may wish to submit at the Congress.

To acquaint the delegates with parliamentary procedure employed at the Congress, a committee was empowered to draft mimeographed copies of the rules of order for distribution among the delegates.

Chairmen Chosen.

Elected to the post of chairmen in the four study commission committee in the Nisei caucus were Robert Oikawa, Maple Ridge JCCL, "Canada and World Affairs," Tatsuro Suzuki, Sunbury JCCL, "Economic Problems," Kunio Shimizu, Vancouver JCCL, "Social Problems," and Yoshimitsu Higashi, Gakuyukai, "Community Problems and Cultural Activities."

Nisei organizations represented included the Hompa YWBA, Marpole, Fairview, Kitsilano and Hompa YMBA's, Gakuyukai, Mikado Seinenkai, Powell YPS, Seikokai Youth Group, U.B.C. Alumni Association, New Westminster YWDA, New Westminster YPS, Steveston YPS, and JCCL chapters in Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Delta-East Richmond-Surrey and Steveston.

Prince Rupert Nisei May Form JCCL Unit

PRINCE RUPERT.—The possibility of organizing all the local Nisei into a chapter of the JCCL was raised here March 11, as the result of a meeting of representatives from various societies. A joint committee will undertake the study of this plan, as well as to study Nisei vocational problems, and foster good citizenship.

Pre-Marital Tests Urged For Nisei

Co-operation Would End Social Disease

"Unless you young Nisels, who are contemplating marriage undergo a medical examination before you get married to know if veneral disease is present, all the happy dreams and hopes that you had cherished will be 'gone with the wind,'" was the frank warning expressed by Dr. K. Shimotakahara, pioneer Japanese physician, addressing a packed room of young people, March 19 at the Taiiku Hall.

The lecture on social disease, one in a series of talks being given by well-known Japanese leaders, under the sponsorship of the Tairiku Nippo Sha, was illustrated with two talking pictures.

To the astonishment of the audience, Dr. Shimotakahara stated that the percentage of syphilis infected people was higher in the Japanese community than in the general population, especially in the urban areas.

Former Local Nisei Writes Outstanding Work On Language

Stirring considerable interest among professors and students of philology is the recently published book, "Language in Action," by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, of the Department of Languages and Literature at the Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago.

Dr. Hayakawa, who is rapidly gaining recognition for his numerous authoriative studies in languages, is a Vancouver-born Nisei, who worked his way through college until gaining his Doctor's degree. In 1936 he was a member of the delegation sent by the Japanese Canadian Citizens League to plead for the Nisei franchise before the Federal Government in Ottawa.

In his book, he presents a new way of looking at words, sometimes with startling results. "The interpretation of words," he says, "is a special case in the interpretation of symbols generally, for words are not things in themselves, but mere sounds which in the course of time came to mean specific things to certain people."

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The Assurance of Victory

By Rev. K. Shimizu, M.A.

(Minister, Powell Japanese United Church)

In this world with all its evil forces at work, is there any hope for the cause of truth and righteousness? Does it pay to be good or honest? Does not might make right rather than right make might?

These are much mooted questions in the minds of many people, especially in these days of moral confusion.

Easter is an unequivocal answer of the Ruler of the Universe to these puzzling questions. Truth and righteousness may be misunderstood, reviled, persecuted, or even be for a time overshadowed by evil, but can never be permanently silenced or destroyed. "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." A good man may be made to suffer all kinds of evils, and even be killed physically, but can never be defeated. That is the message of Easter.

"It was not possible that Jesus should be beholden of death." No power in this world can destroy the life of righteousness such as exemplified by Jesus. Not a man-made, Pharisaic kind of righteousness, which has to be defended by the force of arms, made plausible by the diabolical use of propaganda, and supported by the ignorance and prejudice of the majority; but the true righteousness, grounded on the very make-up of the Universe, corresponding with the Will of God, and verifiable in the long course of history. Life embracing this righteousness of God can never die. Kill it, and it will rise again.

The reason some people cannot grasp this truth is, that they are too short-sighted in their views, so obsessed by the material and the immediate, and too narrow in their outlook, vitiated by their individualistic, racial or nationalistic prejudices. With the ability to see things in the light of the Eternal and of the human brotherhood, the truth becomes self-evident.

Easter, therefore, spells death-sentence to all positions held only by virtue of the worldly power, to security based upon unjust status quo, and to peace founded upon unrighteous victory. It is, on the other hand, an assurance of victory to all who are struggling and suffering for the sake of truth and righteousness, even if they are in the minority.

Easter bids us live, not in the world of make-believe but in the world of reality, not to be anxious about winning a victory, but be persistently watchful in adjusting ourselves and our lives according to the true righteousness, the Will of God. Victory, then, is bound to come.

Second Wind

By Takashi Komiyama

The world at the present time is in the throes of another great war which is affecting the lives of each one of us indirectly. No doubt the plans and objectives of many Niseis have been affected.

It is a characteristic of human nature that after commencing to strive towards our objective and we are suddenly confronted difficulties and obstacles, we are apt to lose interest. Our objective does not seem so important now.

There is no power in life so valuable as "staying power." Athletes know what it means to get "winded", the breath seems to come in gasps, the sides heave and there is a feeling that we cannot continue. But by sticking to it we find that the trouble inside us is ceasing and we are breathing regularly and easily. We have got our "second wind."

Let the Nisei seek to aim to wait patiently for that "second wind" in tackling the objectives and aims of their lives.

A LETTER TO MOTHER

Listlessly she drew the letter pad towards her and started "Aisuru Okaasan".

"Beloved Mother:

It has been so long! Many months have passed since I last wrote to you. In the meantime I hope you have all been well and happy. I am well and still working; so please do not worry . . ."

What reasons could she give this time for not writing so long? How many letters did her mother have now . . . all starting with the same words and all followed by excuses for not writing oftener? Could she ever give the real reasons? Many letters that she had started now lay crumpled in the basket, for after the first few sentences the inability to express herself properly in Japanese had stopped her. Sometimes she needed advice badly, but how to ask for it; she wanted to tell of some happy doings but when she wrote it, the drab commonplace words failed to express her joy or excitement.

The last mail from Japan had letters enclosed from her sister. How freely she expressed her thoughts and what beautiful writing she had; so graceful and flowing; not like hers, stilted and crooked. It was the shame of knowing that her sister, twelve years younger than herself, could write such beautiful letters which made it impossible to continue hers.

Should she write in English? Perhaps someone living nearby could translate them for her, those thoughts she could not write in Japanese. But then how could she write such intimate thoughts for other eyes to see?

She thought with increasing bitterness of the vindictive attacks of a well-known columnist on the Japanese Language Schools. How little he understood the need of the Niseis to know both languages in order to understand and be understood by their parents and their Canadian friends.

Useless to continue, she couldn't think of another sentence. Crumple it up and throw it away, what's the use . . .

And in far away Japan an aging mother re-reading the letters from her daughter understood why they had stopped coming and was heartbroken.

—Ann O. Nemus.

to a friend

My dear, dear friend,
I found deep pain
buried in your soulful eyes;
and because many many days ago,
sorrow seared mine too,
how well I know the taste
of bitter, salty tears,

And if my bosom breath
could murmur words
to ease your confused brow . . .
I would do it now!

And yet,
beloved friend,
I fear my human tongue
is numb with heavy weights,
and how my soul is sorely hurt
because I tried in vain
to comfort you
and failed.
Forgive me!

—Miyo Ishiwata.

INTERMARRIAGE—IS IT WISE?

By DR. E. G. BANNO

The [illegible] editor of this enterprising weekly has [illegible] do you think of inter-racial marriage as a factor [illegible] Japanese people likely to lose its identity as a distinct [illegible] Finally, what bearings will the answers to these questions [illegible] future?

The answers are not easy to give. I [illegible] comments with more essential issues involved, and [illegible] what conclusions they may.

There are those who intuitively hold that assimilation must necessarily involve racial amalgamation. Some contend that if this were practiced it will inevitably result in organic deterioration of the offspring who are at the same time victims of social ostracism by reason of mixed parentage. Recent studies in the fields of human heredity and sociology have shown this theory is to be accepted only with certain important qualifications.

THEORY OF RACE PURITY

It is well to bear in mind the anthropological factor. Today the problem of race carry ominous implications; its theories are being written with the blood of men. Yet in spite of various superior race theories, today no race is pure. Every branch of the human family is so extremely mixed that any theory of race purity is absurd. We are prone to distinguish racial groups by superficial traits which are by no means distinctively characteristic. It is doubtful that any standard of racial classifications based upon physical characteristics will stand severe scientific analysis.

From the standpoint of heredity no serious student in human biology believes that inter-racial marriage will bring disastrous results either physically or mentally. As in marriage within the race, it will depend largely upon the hereditary characters of the individuals. True, superficial traits will be often intermediate or blending, since it is quite certain that these characteristics often depend upon multiple factors, in principle a Mendelian phenomenon in more complicated form.

SOCIOLOGICAL FACTORS INVOLVED

The answer cannot however be wholly biologic; an important factor in its answer must be sought in the field of sociology. Here we are concerned with differences in temperament, behavior and cultural backgrounds, and it is believed that the resultant conflict will react unfavorably upon the offsprings who will find themselves unacceptable to either group. In cases when the parents are culturally similar though with different racial background the objections of this kind fail to be important factors. Such conclusions, however, must await for a more enlightened society for their acceptance.

It is plain therefore one's tentative conclusions to questions of this sort must be qualified by intelligent and adequate understanding of essential anthropological, hereditary and various social issues involved.

Japan's Economic Dilemma

By Henry Ide

War has overshadowed all considerations in the present world today. From the various reports which have filtered into Canada, Japan is supposedly warring in China to castigate Chinese Communists and establish a new order in Asia. Japan's progress is of particular interest to us Nisei, because our position is dependent to a certain degree on a satisfactory settlement of her problems in the East.

Principal Problem

Whether or not Japan is ultimately successful in China, the problem of readjusting her present industrial set-up to a peace-time economy will have to be faced. Her main difficulty lies in her extremely weakened economic condition. The war has already exacted a terrific drain on her capital resources, the national debt has been greatly increased and the currency is in a precarious position. Unfortunately, too, many of the foreign markets, which she so laboriously developed have disappeared. Furthermore, in order that the war might be carried on, Japan has had to divert a large part of her production from light to heavy industry—in the main to the manufacture of war materials. After the war, however, the war industries which have been developed, will have to be broken down and re-directed to meet peace-time requirements. Finally provision must still be made for the absorption of 4,000,000 people annually, into the already congested labour markets.

There are two possible lines along which Japan may proceed to alleviate the difficulty of the situation. First of all, by increasing home production through a more efficient use of land, labour and capital, and secondly, by expanding her foreign trade.

Regarding the first course, it can be said that the development of finished goods, perhaps even developing new products, requiring a great amount of labour, but little capital would be most feasible.

At the present time, strenuous efforts are being made to develop the yen-bloc, that is the countries using the "yen" currency, namely China, Manchuria and Japan, with the view of establishing an almost self sufficient economic area. As far as Japan is concerned, however, the process has not been any too successful. So far, the exports of goods and capital have more than overbalanced the imports.

With regard to her other foreign markets, such as the United States, India, Europe and Canada, it is apparent that the great barriers to increased Japanese trade are the high tariff walls in these countries. [illegible] reduction of these restrictions [illegible] require time but it is hoped that the dominating nationalistic spirit of [illegible] countries today will be succeeded [illegible] one less narrow which will [illegible] mutual benefit. Therein lies the [illegible] able solution to Japan's [illegible] dilemma.

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Japanese Oratory Planned For May

Gakuyukai Headed for Banner Aniversary

Latest news from Gakuyukai headquarters reveal that the society's plans for a banner silver anniversary are progressing splendidly. At the executive meeting held last Monday evening at the Japanese School, the agenda covered among other things the delegation to the Youth Congress, a welcome party and the oratorical contest.

Headed by the able president Sota Kanda, the Gakuyukai group including Roy Ito, James Horiuchi and Yoshimitsu Higashi will do their best to give their contribution to the coming Congress.

WELCOME GYK '40!

In charge of arrangements for a gay welcome party in honour of the graduating class of '40 is the well-known Nomad basketball ace, Tosh Hashimoto, who is lining up an entertaining program for the memorable occasion.

Shige Okumura, another Gakuyukai member towering high in the realm of sports, is chairman of the committee handling the details of the Gakuyukai Oratorical Contest to be held at the Japanese Hall, May 11.

The news that least one competitor from each of the twelve member alumni societies has been assured and that principals of the leading Japanese schools in the city are being approached to act as adjudicators is arousing wide interest.

EIJI YATABE

Shown above is the president of the Powell Y.P.S., Eiji Yatabe, who is bravely taking the responsibility of receiving the brickbats (or bouquets, as the case may be) for this issue of the paper.

Red Cross Groups Choose Convenors

Materials To Be Distributed Shortly

The volunteer service work of the Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit advanced materially at the second meeting March 17 at the Nippon Club, as members organized five groups to facilitate the distribution and making up of garments. Largest of these is the central group under the convenorship of Miss Sadako Iwasa. This group, it is expected, will be divided still further, as many more Niseis from the central area are expected to join.

One group will meet in Fairview, under a convenor yet to be elected, and the remaining three will gather in private homes under convenors Mrs. M. Maikawa, prominent Nisei matron, Miss Kay Fujiwara, and Miss Hisa Kato. Each group will carry on the three phases of activity.

Although Mrs. Hazelwood, chief organizer for the Vancouver Society was unable to attend the meeting, the technical work was begun with the examination of garment samples.

Miss Hisa Kato, elected to the post of "cutter" is cutting the material ready to be sewn by the volunteer workers. It was stressed that but for all two garments, very little sewing skill is required.

Instructions will be given to every member, and the material will be distributed as soon as ready.

More detailed explanations of patterns and samples will be given by Mrs. Hazelwood at the next meeting of the Unit, the time to be announced later.

Miss Margaret Hayashi, secretary of the Unit, was asked to assume the additional duties of treasurer.

Support Asked.

Volunteers who have not signed for a definite group are asked to do so immediately. New groups may be formed by contacting the president, Mrs. E. Kitagawa, High. 5017-R.

The Japanese Canadian Unit and all the women who have volunteered to support it is one of the finest gestures of sacrifice made by our Niseis. Each one is contributing a part of their few leisure hours towards the greater needs of others. Our elders can hope for no more creditable and praiseworthy achievement than this, meriting the wholehearted support of the entire Japanese community.

Buddhist Teachers Hold Annual Meet

MAPLE RIDGE.—A talk by Takeo Kitamura, active member of the Fairview Y.A.B.A., on his visit to the Chuo Sunday school during his recent stay in Japan highlighted the annual meeting of the Buddhist Sunday School Teachers' Federation at the Maple Ridge Buddhist Church last Sunday.

Following the opening worship service by Bishop Aoki, reports from the various Sunday Schools were heard giving a detailed account of the activities and work of each school.

Other business matters dealt with the holding of a teachers' convention, the presentation of certificates of recognition and other awards at this convention and the general elections.

Shojiro Nishikawa will again head the Federation. He will be supported by Minoru Nishi and Misao Hatanaka, vice-chairmen; Takeo Nishizaki, secretary; Masako Tanaka, treasurer; Shoji Minamide, Kaoru Miyagawa and Fusayo Harada, auditors.

Nisei Vocations

Gardeners To Train Selves In Trade

Carrying on its plans to unite all Nisei gardeners into an organization to conduct research work and training in professional gardening, the organization committee will call a general meeting at the Kitsilano Japanese Language School, Sunday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m. All Nisei gardeners or anyone interested in gardening is invited to attend the meeting.

Various topics outlined for discussion include the planning of lessons in all types of garden work, subscribing to garden-books and magazines, research and study trips to gardens in Victoria, etc.

Plans for the meeting were arranged by the committee of the Japanese Gardeners' Association at a gathering at the home of R. Anzai, president of the Nisei Division, March 14. Executives of the Association present were I. Weda, president, Y. Yakura, and S. Kamino.

The committee present included Masao Yatabe, vice-president of the Nisei division; Shokei Sumi, newly appointed secretary; Frank Ebata, Roy Matsumoto, Eichi Kondo, Bob Kamino and Takeo Yoshida.

Hiroshima Thespians Win Triumph

By MIYEA OKAMURA

The Hiroshima Young People's Society held a most successful drama night Saturday night, March 16, at the Japanese Hall. The curtain lifted to a capacity audience, which keenly enjoyed the programme of Japanese popular songs, tap dancing, Japanese dances and two plays.

Highlight of the evening's entertainment was the play "Conscription." The actors mastered the Japanese language to perfection to make the play so realistic that many handkerchiefs were evident among the audience.

The favoured player was "Tojiro," the eldest son of the Matsumoto family, played by Kaz Suga. The whole cast was wisely chosen and the director well deserves recognition.

The evening was brought to a close with a hilarious one-act comedy. Roy Kumaio stole the show in this play with his side-splitting gestures and remarks.

The Hiroshima Young People's Society can well be proud of their achievement, which has brought them to greater heights in the field of dramatic art.

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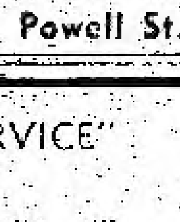

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TOWN TOPICS . . .

Fukuoka Kumamoto Social

A merry time was enjoyed by members of the Fukuoka and Kumamoto Seinenkai's and numerous friends at the Fuji last Sunday afternoon. Chairman Shige Okumura introduced Munco Miike, Kumamoto president, and Don Sugiman, Fukuoka president, who gave brief speeches.

Chairman of the entertainment was Kaname Fujimoto of the Kumamoto Seinenkai, who arranged an enjoyable program of music, group games and dancing.

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Miss Martha Toda, former North Vancouver Nisei and student at U.B.C., now studying at the University of Washington, paid a brief visit to the city, the guest of Miss Barbara Geffin of North Vancouver.

Inter-Church Meet

The Japanese W.S.S. will be hostesses to the Presbyterial Executive and the West Point Grey W.M.S. Wednesday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Powell United Church. Misses Ritsu Shin and Mary Hamagaki will contribute musical numbers.

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Hompa Elections

Mr. Eikichi Kagetsu will again hold the responsible position of president of the Hompa Buddhist Temple, it was announced this week. Other members of the executive include, R. Kuramitsu and J. Nishimura, vice presidents; J. Tanaka, treasurer; and G. Nakamura and S. Watanabe, general secretaries.

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Easter Service

The Junior Church will join with the Senior Church in the special Easter service to be observed next Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Powell St. United Church. It will be a choral service and the musical will include solos by Tatsuo Saumiya and Miss Setsu Shimotakahara, a chorus by the Fairview Saturday School Choir, and several choir numbers.

Rev. K. Shimizu will preach on "The Victorious Christ."

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Gripping Drama In Japanese Movie

"The Theatre of Life," one of the most compelling human documents filmed by the Nikkatsu-Tamagawa companies, is the big feature offered to movie goers by the Shinkosha at the Japanese Hall, March 22 and 23.

Heading an all-star cast are Chiezo Kataoka, Isamu Kosugi and Reisaburo Yamamoto around whose lives is spun a complicated web of events.

The protrayal of the characters of Shiro Ozaki's immortal story that appeared at first in serial form in the Miyako Newspaper receives a grippingly realistic treatment by the three actors.

An indisputable proof of the high calibre of the picture lies in the fact that it ran for four straight weeks at the leading movie palaces in Tokyo and with "Forward Forever" (Kagirikinaki Zenshin) rescued the two companies from bankruptcy.

Dress Up To Spring . . .

In a Man-tailored Suit

by

T. Maikawa

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22-25—2nd Annual B. C. Province of Youth Congress, Normal School.

23—Youth Congress Ball, Hotel Georgia, 50c each.

23-24—Fairview Buddhist [illegible] Bazaar, Fairview Buddhist Temple.

23—Basketball Windup Social, Fuji, 35c, 6 p.m.

23—Shichifukukai Roller Party, Happyland, 2-5 p.m.

Wedding Bells Ring Far and Wide

Before "mad" March makes its exit, several weddings of note will be taking place according to the announcements made by several parties.

Matsui—Watanabe

Mr. and Mrs. I. Watanabe announced the engagement of their daughter, Yukiko, to Mr. Masayuki Matsui. The wedding will take place on Thursday, March 28, at the Powell United Church. Misses Yae Suzuki and Kazuye Sada have been chosen to act as bridesmaids. The groom will be supported by Yoshio Takahashi. Rev. K. Shimizu will perform the ceremony.

Murabayashi—Nabata

Miss Masako Nabata, second daughter of Mrs. Tomi Nabata, will be joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Eikichi Murabayashi on Saturday, March 30, at 5 p.m., in the Hompa Buddhist Temple. Rev. Mitsubayashi will be officiating.

A reception for the guests has been planned for the Fuji from 6 o'clock.

Hayashi—Hirano

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hirano extend a warm invitation to all friends to the marriage of their daughter, Hisaye, to Mr. H. Hayashi, on Monday, March 25, at 2 p.m., at the Church of Ascension, 1701 West 3rd Avenue.

Kimura—Nishizawa

The Fuji was the scene of a very simple but charming wedding on Monday, March 18, when Miss Hinako Nishizawa, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Nishizawa, was united in marriage to Mr. Hideo Kimura, eldest son of Mr. Kimura.

The bride was smartly attired in a grey tailored suit with dusty pink accessories. She was wearing a corsage of gardenias.

Only the immediate relations and close friends were present at the reception which immediately followed the ceremony.

The couple left for their honeymoon on the evening boat for Seattle from where they will travel to California by train.

Arikado—Sasaki

Of special interest to members of the Powell Street Y.P.S. is the coming wedding of Miss Connie Sasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sasaki of Queensborough, to Mr. Henry Arikado, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Arikado. The ceremony is to take place at the Powell United Church on March 30 with Rev. K. Shimizu officiating.

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By "ASAGAO"

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Remember how I used to call Mr. Aida impertinent? He has a vulgar tongue which irritates me. But I will not be annoyed anymore. No, not after what I heard today! Do you know why? Because the poor man is haunted by a ghastly past.

Five years ago he and his wife reached home to find their two kiddies screaming helplessly in the house trapped by fire! Next morning, two charred remains were brought to them. Wasn't it hideous?

That isn't all either! Last summer his wife died from intestinal cancer. For days and days he watched her waste painfully, and when death did come it was one slow struggle for her. He tries hard to forget that he is not himself anymore. Doesn't he remind you of Pagliacci, the clown?

Then here is unfortunate Hideko too! I still insist that her parents are to blame! Why did they force Hideko into that marriage?

The night before the wedding took place, she came to see me. She confessed she was in love with Hajime. However, marriage was out of the question since he did not have a steady job. What could she do? Nothing. I could not do anything for her since the plans were all set. The matchmakers had already sent out invitations. So, like an obedient daughter, she went through with the ceremony.

She bore her trials for a month, but she just could not stand it any longer. Consequently, she has come home to stay. Now matters are more complicated than ever before. She can't divorce him since the family will not hear of it; neither is she allowed to see Hajime. The go-betweens are humoring her zealously, they are willing to submit to any terms. But she has become resolute and firm; she will not listen to their pleas.

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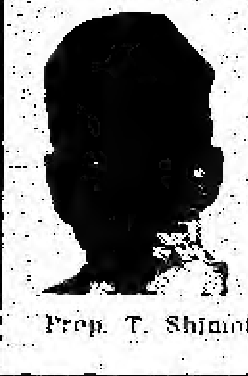

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EASTER IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY

Brings back memories of good old days when we sang "Beautiful Lilies White as the Snow" in far away Nippon.

It was on one of the numerous green hills of Japan. A group had gathered early in the morning as early as six o'clock and as most of us had not breakfasted we were hungrily alert for this early Easter service.

An organ had begun to play, a small, small organ, and all heads were bent to the verses in the hymn. The shrill chanting voices sounded strange and unreal. I did not think a service could hold me as this one did. Perhaps it was the sun which was shining gloriously, and which was drying up the myriads of dewdrops which had clung deliciously to our clothing, or perhaps it was the unusual "out-of-doors" early in the morning service. Whatever it was, I sensed a feeling of peace and calm and a joy in just being alive.

How I wish I could experience another service "on the Mount!"

CAMELLIAS . . . TSUBAKI OR ROSE OF JAPAN

Blooming magenta colour among the one Thousand and one rose bushes of Stanley Park.

CITY OF BOUNTEOUS BEAUTY:—

Walking along near Hastings Park one clear day, I chanced to look towards the "Lions" . . . vast, snow-topped, and so silently majestic. Then did I recall the shock I had felt some years back in discovering beauty in my own land.

My youthful years had been spent here. Day in and day out I had gone about, nonchalantly unaware of the grandness and the beauty of this sea-port city. It was not until my return from a year and a half sojourn in a foreign country, when I realized that here we had everything — mountains, huge, lordly ranges, inlets with boats and ships, and quite famous ships too, and so numerous. Lovely parks and clean roads, and a thriving, progressing city centre. Such freshness, and such newness, the newness being more striking to me, for then I had just returned from an ancient Capital with a culture dating back to the time before Christ. It made me think of the coming generation and the generation after that. They would not miss these beauty spots which by then would be mellow with age and rich with fantastic tales. They would observe and wander, and may even pause to think of us, their ancestors who, they will read, had sacrificed and suffered tremendous hardships, to insure their present happiness, and then they may nod in approval and be thankful for our choice in making this city, our home.

SCRAPS FROM A LETTER TO JAPAN:—

Written several years ago about us, the Nisels of Canada.

"On one page she writes . . . . course we can't have such nice times here, because we're pioneers, so to speak, and we have to behave ourselves, if we want to be decent ancestors. It's heartbreaking to be pioneers, don't we know it? . . . and then she said . . . . Those of us who want our future generation to have a happy life are up to the neck in the fight for recognition" . . . then . . . . on the last page. "We haven't had a chance to become educated, refined, cultured. So far it's been a fight to eat and live. Gradually we are making a foundation on which to build widespread education and refined culture. How true these words are. It is very heartbreaking to be pioneers.

Only a fool declares;
There is no God!
For look . . .
At the mighty miracle of life
But what of death?
Are your eyes blind?
For out of Death,
Again springs Life Eternal.
But is not God:
Love, Truth, and Justice?
Oh yes! My friend,
For those who practice these things!
So if God is not in you,
Seek Truth,
Know Love,
Deal justly
And fear not Eternity!

—J. T.

Technicolor Fantasy Shown At Strand

Among tales for children perhaps there is none that is loved better than Maurice Maeterlinck's ethereal fantasy, "The Blue Bird." And no more ideal player in the screen interpretation—now the current attraction at the Strand Theatre—has the wizard film producer, Darryl F. Zanuck, chosen for the leading role than the inimitable Shirley Temple.

Those who have come to love the talented little artist will find her simply irresistible in this latest New Technicolor creation.

In quick succession scenes which have up till now existed only in the recesses of our imagination—The Flaming Forest, The Land of the Past, The Floating Palace, The House of Luxury, The Mystic Lakes and The Realm of the Future flash on the screen.

Featured with Shirley in the brilliant cast are such players as Spring Byington, Nigel Bruce, Gale Sondergaard, Eddie Collins and Sybil Jason.

This warmly human drama is a "must" not only for the children but for grown-ups as well.

Cave Floor Show Featured At Orpheum

The Orpheum Theatre will present another great Stage Show with Special Easter Holiday attractions on Friday, March 22. There will be two shows, one at 3:00 p.m. and another at 8:30 p.m.

On our stage we present the Cave Cabaret Supper Show, another great variety show for the Easter Holiday attraction, with the Easter parade of stars, featuring America's greatest thrill, the "Rexola Trio," Jamieson and Garcia, "Echoes of the Gay Nineties," Marcella Blaton, dancing novelty and Herb Schriner, "Wizard of the Harmonica and comedian" with surprise novelties.

The Cave Carbaret floor show will be supported by their own orchestra, Earle Hill and his vocalists. Also other specialty novelty numbers. This stage attraction will be shown in connection with the regular show, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope in "Road to Singapore."

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A Friendship Retrieved

By NORAH FUJITA [illegible]

Kazuko sat knitting one evening, knitting a sweater which should have been completed months back, and as she purled and plained, not so happy thoughts were churning in her mind. She was wondering and thinking selfishly perhaps, about herself. She disliked the work which circumstances had forced upon her; she wanted to step out from her housemaid's guise, even if it be just for a little while, and work where work would be a joy.

There came to Kazuko's mind that poem called "Just a Clerk," which tells of an unhappy man sitting on his high three-legged stool in a dingy office of the olden days and craving to do what he in his heart wishes to do:

Lord, I am but a little clerk
That scratches with a pen—
To drop the guise of the little clerk
And show the man at heart.

As she repeated these lines to herself, she believed that she could understand that man's feelings now than ever before.

Kazuko knit on and a sense of loneliness came over her. She felt friendless and alone, and the loud ticking of the clock against the silence of the room only aggravated this feeling. Just when even the dropping of a needle would have startled her, the phone rang. So unexpected was the noise that Kazuko's arms jerked violently and a half dozen stitches slipped from her needle. Glad that no one was there to witness her fright, she smiled at her own foolishness and rushed towards the phone.

"How are you?" came the voice from the other end of the line. "I thought I'd call you up and find out how you were—I haven't seen you since we graduated last June, and some of the girls were telling me you were housework-ing. It made me feel so mad to hear it. You of all people having to do housework!"

Even if she did not deserve this last statement, it was grand to be told this; but best of all to hear Joan's voice, to think that she had even bothered to enquire for her, that in itself set her blood tingling with joy.

When they last had said good-bye in the crowded school hall and parted, Kazuko felt that her friendship with Joan was to end forever. Joan would go her own way and she as a Japanese-Canadian would have to go her's. Their homes were distant, the gulf between their two societies unbridgeable.

But here they were, talking to each other. And how they did talk. Joan told her all about herself, and Kazuko in turn related what had been happening to her. Before she knew it, she was confiding all her troubles to Joan, who listened understandingly. Then, after agreeing to meet in town for dinner some evening, Kazuko reluctantly replaced the receiver.

She went back to her knitting and tried to retrieve those lost stitches but could not. Her eyes were watering and threatening to overflow. Oh well, a few stitches of knitting didn't matter much anyway. What was more important than even a hundred stitches was the fact that Joan had made it possible for her to retrieve a lost Friendship.

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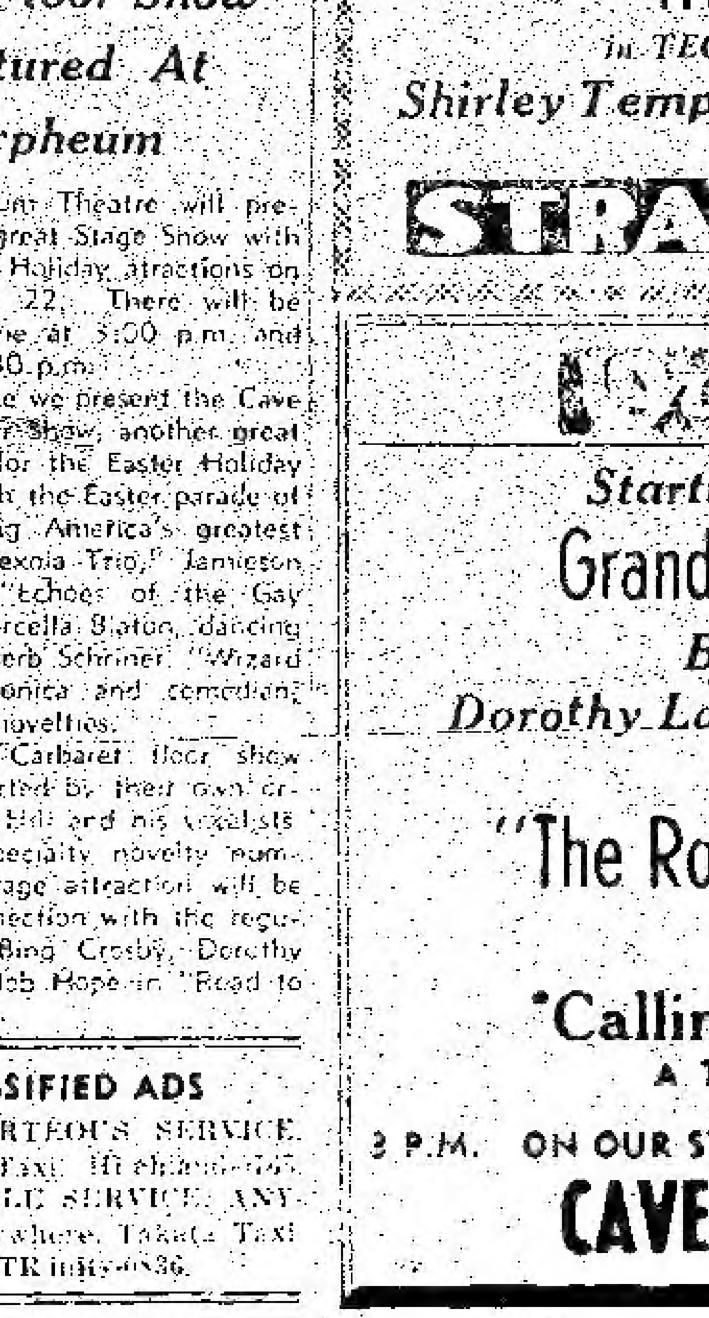

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Prince Rupert Patter:

By HIROSHI HAMASAKI

News Flashes . . . from Station PRP . . . through the news system of The New Canadian. Once again we bring you the news on Nisei activities from this part of the Nisei world.

At a recent service meeting held at the Mission, members of the Nippon A. Y. P. A. busied themselves with the repair of old hymn books, both Japanese and English.

"Advantages of Public Speaking" and "Co-operation of Members" were the topics of speeches given by two members of the Canadian Japanese Y.P.S. at their recent meeting, March 9, at the Japanese Hall. The speakers were Kiyo Suehiro and Kayzi Nishio.

Miss Suehiro, who spoke on the first topic, gave a vivid account of the many advantages to be gained from public speaking such as courage, character, confidence, poise, etc. Her speech on a topic of importance to all the members was well received.

Mr. Nishio stressed the need for co-operation among the members in socials, sports and meetings. He maintained that some members are afraid to voice their opinions because other members are strangers to them.

Chairman Hiromi Tanaka gave a brief criticism of each speaker, pointing out such things as voice, posture, and so forth.

Travelling.

Miss K. Lang in charge of the Japanese Mission here, is visiting in Vancouver for a brief time.

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Obituary.

The funeral of Ritsuko, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sakai of Osland, who passed away at the Prince Rupert General Hospital following a brief illness, took place Monday, March 11, with Very Rev. J. B. Gibson officiating. Many local Japanese, both Issei and Nisei, attended the service.

The deceased was a pupil at Booth Memorial School, and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

The community wishes to extend deepest sympathies to Miss E. Heap, kindergarten teacher at the Japanese Mission, in the recent loss of her father.

Coming Events.

Easter Sunday — N.A.Y.P.A. Easter discussion.

March 31—C.J.Y.P.S. hike to New Road.

Alberni Album

Taking over the office of president for his fourth term, Roy Higaki, popular and prominent Nisei leader, was chosen to lead the active JCCA at their annual elections meeting, March 10.

Supporting him on the executive for 1940 will be Don Tani, secretary; Frank Otako, Japanese secretary; Miss Iida, treasurer; Sumi Ota, social convenor; Jack Matsui, athletic convenor, and J. C. Tani, educational and citizenship convenor.

Who's Who . . .

We presume that J. C. Tani, the retiring president, will henceforth spend his days growing 'taters and turnips, and uprooting the old stump now and then. A carbon copy of Cincinnatus, verily.

Frank was an absentee, away on one of his famous week-end expeditions . . . this time with the birdies to Victoria. We understand he set out fully equipped, with umbrella, raincoat, rubbers, pneumonia jacket, and ear-muffs. Seriously, however, the Albernians must have felt sure that they had found a good man for a really responsible job.

An interested observer at the meeting was Mr. Yoshikawa, who made himself very welcomed indeed. At the close of the gathering he made a donation to the treasury, which was very much appreciated.

Blessed Event.

A new arrival to Port Alberni is Roy and Bunny's baby girl, Shirley Ann Tatsue Higaki, born March 5 at the hospital. Both are doing well.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE NEW CANADIAN

Surrey Donations

The Surrey Young Men's Association acknowledge with thanks kind donations from the following: $5 from Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt, in memory of their departing from Surrey; and $2 from Mrs. M. Ono in Japan, a former resident of Surrey, thinking the Association for their kindness extended to her during her recent bereavement.

—Yoshio Sato.

Capital City Chatter

By IONI GOSSIPPE

Taiyo Social.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Taiyo Club held their oft-postponed annual social March 13, and had as their special guests all players now playing in the local basketball league.

Just prior to sitting down to partake of the sumptuous spread (the social convenors for the occasion being Thomas Kuwabara, Jack Henmi, and Stumbie Okamoto with the able and much-appreciated aid of Mineo Kawasoe) the high-light of the evening in the form of a baby-feeding contest took place.

The winning "mother" and child" in this hilarious farce that kept the party in an uproar turned out to be "Mrs." Terry Uyede and "her toddler Stum Shimizu, while "mama" Eichi Kondo with "baby" Toyo Takata and "Mrs." Saburo Kuwata and "her" little suckling "Master" Masa Kuwabara won second and third place honors. Milk, bottles and nipples for this contest were supplied by Harold Kawasoe.

After doing justice to the fare on the table the evening was brought to a close with a good old community sing, with George Kuwata at the piano.

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JCCL Monthly.

The monthly meeting of the JCCL was held at the Gogakko Hall on March 16, with Eichi Kondo in the chair.

Ta Ono was elected treasurer to replace Eichi Kondo who resigned on account of having secured employment out-of-town.

The meeting was in favour of supporting the Arena Auditorium project and a grant was voted to be sent in to the committee headquarters.

Through the kindness of Ted Minegishi, a radio set was supplied to tune in on the Maple Leafs-Arrows basketball game after the business part of the evening had been concluded.

During the social, Eichi Kondo was the recipient of a "going-away" gift subscribed for by the members as a token of appreciation for long service rendered especially in the capacity of social convenor on the executive.

Correction: Helmets were done by Haruco and Michico Okamoto, and Marion Yoneda was the knitter of a pullover, instead of

Govt. Praises Britannia War Gift

By "THE CRUSHER"

The University of Washington students studying mining came here on Saturday for a few days on a field trip. Among the members of the party was S. Noritake, specializing in metallurgy.

Last Friday evening, the Japanese community was entertained by a Japanese movie. Mr. Tsuyuki presented a 3-hour feature which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday night, Mr. Nakahama kindly invited all the young fellows to a party in the house he recently obtained.

At the meeting of the Konwa Kai on Sunday night, it was decided to form a Japanese softball team. In order to make a success of this enterprise, co-operation is expected from all the Niseis.

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A short time ago a letter was received through Mr. C. P. Browning from the Hon. J. L. Ralston, Dominion Minister of Finance, acknowledging the sum of $139, which was donated to the Canadian National Defence. The letter reads:

"My colleague, the Minister of National Revenue, has forwarded me your letter of Feb. 13th, with which you enclosed your voucher cheque in the sum of $139, representing a voluntary donation for Canadian national defence from a group of forty-five Japanese employees of your company, who are members of the Konwa-Kai.

Michico as stated in the last issue.

Although the fishing season is still in its infancy, the tall tales are already beginning to get around. For instance, there's the case of the two would-be "Isaac Waltons" who tried ground-baiting what they took to be a "whopper" at the bottom of a pool, only to find out after much hard work that it was an old rag caught on a rock. Save your vision week, S. S. and S. O.

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J. L. RALSTON.

East-Richo Chats

By "CHATTER"

Sign Donated.

A big sign advertising the Red Cross dance was donated to the committee in charge of the forthcoming event by our local artist "Shig" Kamachi. Large yellow and blue letters on a red background combined with black and red on a yellow background attract the attention of everyone passing by on the south side of the school.

"I never thought of that! It's lovely! Will you make a few more to tack up along the road?" was the gleeful comment by the school teacher, Miss C. Lawley.

Bird's-Eye-View.

Your correspondent brings you the human side of the news from this locality . . . Bright sayings of the Nisei.

"Going to the Spring Frolic at Happyland?" "I guess so—sure—have to get a new suit first . . . ." Better watch out, Mister, this is Leap Year and a fur coat added to a new suit would be mighty expensive.

"Hey Bill, write to The New Canadian and ask them to publish a weekly column on etiquette. Dances nowadays are getting particular."

"Tra-la-la! Spring is here," said a fisherman. "Oh, yeah! Here today and gone tomorrow," said another. "Sap, not springtime—Spring Salmon!"

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Y.P.S. Looks Back---And Forward!

By Kazuko Hidaka

[illegible] in the annals of world events, the years [illegible] will stand out with much significance. These years will [illegible] and upheaval, conflict within nations and conflict between [illegible] political and economic schemes and national movements.

The Early Days

But looking back on these years to other scenes we see in 1929 a group of young Japanese attending special monthly English services conducted by the Rev. K. Shimizu in the Powell Street United Church. Here they are enjoying a fellowship which they are unable to find elsewhere. After the service they take part in a sing-song and just friendly chatting and a social time. They come from various parts of the city and the need is seen for such a group to include young people who otherwise have little social or community life. The group becomes organized and soon under the leadership of the pastor a young people's society comes into being.

These were days of enthusiasm and willing endeavour for these first thirty-odd members. There was much to learn and experience as most of the young people were new to organizations of this nature. The aim of the society was to develop young men and young women in a full rounded life, and in time a four-fold program was chosen, namely, citizenship, literary, missionary and social, based on the Scripture text, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature in favour with God and man."

Of course the first days saw difficulties. But the pioneering spirit carries with it a vigorous determination to see a thing through and each step leads to further progress. There was, for instance, the Japanese shyness to overcome. One of the greatest problems was in mingling with Canadian young peoples and in carrying on inter-society activities. This was a serious handicap to the growth of the society, but due to interest taken from the outside, namely by the St. Andrew's Fellowship and their president, Oscar Lundell, who gave much advice as to the improvement of the society, the Japanese Y.P.S. was greatly helped. Soon, and especially in the field of sport, Japanese members were seen taking part in Y.P. activities with other Canadians. Having joined the Greater Vancouver Young People's Union, there were tournaments in which our Y.P. participated, often bringing in high honours.

These were the early days and time has lent much colour and romance to what has passed. There was in '31 the first concert which packed the Japanese Hall, revealing much talent in the performances and in stagecraft. There were the 24th of May Union picnics and the two years when the Canadian Memorial swimming pool was rented, affording much pleasure as well as adventure. There are people whose names stand out—George Korenaga, the first president, and Edward Ouchi, who took his place, introducing new ideas being responsible for one of the best years of the society.

Progress Achieved

As time went on changes were brought about particularly in personnel. In 1936 a junior Y.P.S. was organized with the advantage of members trained from childhood in the church. In 1938 this group amalgamated with the senior group, increasing the membership to about 75, and bringing also fresh talent and efficient workers. There was a general broadening of activities and interests. Debating tourneys were participated in with considerable success. The night of music and drama held in March, 1939 revealed remarkable potentialities which were further proved this year when two trophies were won by the society in the Y.P. Union Drama Festival.

Viewing these activities and the progress made by this society it is evident that such a group inevitably leaves its mark on the community. It develops people of character and ability to take responsible positions not only among our own race but also our fellow Canadians.

It is clearly apparent in our present society that group activity towards the solution of our national and international problems is very greatly needed. In the midst of destruction of human life and of things held valuable to men, we look for evidence of the things that last, the qualities which survive when other things fail. The church from its early days, in spite of its weaknesses and errors has proved itself able to maintain its strength and influence. It is symbolic of the everlasting nature of God and the indestructible qualities in the human race. So young people of the church, realizing their position are faced with a great responsibility.

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Well known in both the Japanese and Canadian communities in Vancouver is Rev. Kosaburo Shimizu (above), the energetic pastor of the Powell Japanese United Church. Although his duties with the Senior and Junior Churches occupy most of his time, he is very active in various other community works also.

Mystery Prize For First Golf Tourney

The Nippon Golf Club will officially welcome the 1940 season with an eighteen-hole handicap affair at Langara Golf Course on Good Friday. The members will be gunning for a "mystery" prize donated by S. Katsukawa, and two dozen balls.

Last Sunday being blessed by a real spring day, the members took full advantage of it and turned out in full force to get the kinks out of their rusty swings and to get the "feel" of the putter. With all indications of good weather for the Easter weekend, the fairways should be in ideal condition and good scores are expected.

The official rating as set by the Handicap Committee are: Herb Tanaka 9; Katsukawa 9; Yasui 11; K. Tanaka 13; Nimi 13; Hisaoka 13; Ashikawa 13; Suzuki 14; M. Maikawa 15; Arakawa 15; Kodaira 16; Miura 16; Ogino 17; Y. Tanaka 18; Arikado 18; S. Maikawa 18; S. Shimada 19; Banno 20; Kuwabara 20; Oyama 20; Oka 20; C. Tanaka 22; Yoshida 23; Takeuchi 24; Miyazaki 25; M. Shimada 26; Fukui 26.

Victoria Cage Semis:

JCCL Rallies But Beavers Triumph

VICTORIA, B. C.—With every man on the team being good for at least one field goal the Beavers came through in grand style and nosed out the JCCL squad 29-26 in the first of the two-game series, the winners of which will meet the Taiyos for the league title.

Being on the short end of a 13-9 count at the breather, the eventual losers came back strong to tie the score no less than four times in the last deciding half, deucing the game at 13-13, 18-18, 22-22, and 26-26, but just lacked the much-needed extra power to put them ahead.

Terry Uyede of the Beavers with 13, and Eichi Kondo of the JCCL with 10 points were high-men for the evening.

Beavers: T. Uyede 13, Stom Shimizu 2, Hide Ioi 5, G. Uyede 4, Ken Kuwabara 3, P. Hasegawa 2. Total 29.

JCCL: E. Kondo 10, H. Kawasoe 5, J. Shimizu 4, G. Kuwata, Sfy Io 3, M. Okamoto 2, J. Henmi and S. Okamoto 2. Total 26.

In the final league game, with nothing at stake, the Taiyo basketballers, having clinched the first-place playoff bye, took things easy, dropping the encounter 31-25 to the last-place Beavers.

The official statistics released by the league statistician showed Thomas Kuwabara at the top of the scoring race with 211 points, 50 points ahead of second-place Terry Uyede.

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pts.	Fts.
Taiyos	10	8	.460	146
JCCL	9	9	.433	91
Beavers	8	8	.416	87

"The Big Six"

Thomas Kuwabara (T)	211
Terry Uyede (B)	162
Eichi Kondo	156
Jimmie Shimizu (J)	86
Harold Kawasoe (J)	85
Hideyuki Ioi (B)	76

"Bad-Men"

Eichi Kondo (J)	39
Muneo Kawasoe (T)	29
Jim Shimizu (J)	26

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Nipponettes Rampaging For Revenge

All-Star Cagers Set for Intern'l Series

Seattle here we come! That eventful day the melon-tossers have been waiting for is here. On Friday at the Parkview Gym the Nippons tackle their last year victors, Johnson Drug, while the girls will try to outjostle the Bellevue girls in the curtain raiser. Then on Saturday the Vancouverites will play their respective hosts, Hornets and the Girls' Reserve.

And by the way have you noticed Mr. Akiyama lately? That worried look from Mr's face has disappeared and in its place he sports a big, confident smile. Why? Our number one casaba marvel, Shig Ashikawa, who would make a big difference in any team has finally loosened up to the constant plea for help and has decided to make the jaunt south.

Now if that wasn't enough to make any team manager happy, Woodfibre's sharpshooting cagey cagers', Mike Tobo and 'Ide' Hienoye, decision to make the trip with the Nippons was the reason for the big whoop of joy from the vicinity of the Akiyama Hardware.

The Nippon lineup is Shig Ashikawa, George Suzuki, Harry Nikaido, George Ide, Mike Tobo and Kay Hirano forwards, and Kinie Shimizu, 'Ide' Hienoye, 'Leep' Inamoto and Kas Suzu at guard.

Nipponettes Confident

The Nipponettes have been practicing industriously and will be out to seek revenge. Last time they met Seattle, the local casettes claim their loss was due to their ignorance of the girls' rules, but now that they have mastered the puzzling fundamentals, they're going to .... Well it pays to be optimistic anyway.

The forwards for the Nipponettes will be Akiko Yoshinaka, Marge Kusakabe, Koko Shimizu, Joyce Ikeda and Florence Ikeda. Sally Kitaguchi, Kuniko Sugiya, Sayo Kaneko and Kay Uyeno will cover the defence area.

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Woodfibre Tries But Maikawas Win

Champs Set Back Visiting Cagers, 45-38

[illegible] the local league champions, Maikawa's squad, came through with a win over the visiting Woodfibre team [illegible] Wednesday night, although the paper-town boys looked as if they [illegible] the old applecart. The game was rather dull, except for [illegible] in the second and third quarter when [illegible] came to life and made the affair like a casaba game.

The Nikaido-less Maikawas weren't the team that won the championship, but were good enough to take the Woodfibre-ites into camp. Ashikawa left the game on personals with five minutes to go, and it looked for a while as if the fireworks were going to start, but Woodfibre could not take advantage of it.

Ashikawa and Maruno stood out for the champions, while "Ide" Idenouye did stellar work for the visitors at guard.

The preliminary game between Junior All-Star and Marpole was a scoring spree, the champions having the edge, 64-19, Sub Miike led Marpole with 33 points.

Maikawa—Ashikawa 25, Maruno 10, Mitsui 6, Suga 2, Uno 2, Ishida, Onizuka. Total 45.

Woodfibre—Tobo 10, I. Idenouye 10, N. Idenouye 5, Uno 3, Sora 6, Ogaki 3. Total 38.

Casaba Tossers Will Wind Up with Social

The Japanese Basketball League, under the directorship of "Czar" Akiyama, will wind up the season with a grand social on Wednesday, March 27th, at the Fuji.

Started three years ago single-handed by the untiring zeal of "Mi" Akiyama, it is now a first class league with two divisions comprising of a five-team senior league and a seven-team junior league. Because of his untiring efforts, basketball has become the premier winter sport for the Niseis.

Let's hope that his pet dream, a sports center to meet the necessary requirements of the many Nisei activities won't be just a "pipe" dream, and if ever (we hope in the near future) a drive is launched for such a center, you will all get right behind it and push it over the top!

Follow Thru

The prettiest swing in the Nippon Golf Club! which our divoting dentist is slowly realizing, and making it pay dividends too! It won't be long now before he'll be shooting steadily in the eighties!

Digging and Replacing Divots

By "Jimmie" Suzuki

Editor's Note—Apologies to non-golfers, but [illegible] sometimes, or more appropriately, most of the time [illegible] farther than the ball. The divot must be replaced [illegible] time to think. What? we'd better not discuss—enough [illegible] though some people may doubt this, and to count ten before I [illegible] what I say, I just don't seem to recall—just as well [illegible] in someone's ear.

Spring and Young Men's Fancy

'Tis said and more I'm getting to believe it that
A golf game is very much like love,
It's no fun unless you take it seriously,
But once you do—ouch!
It breaks your heart! and HOW!!!

But it has its compensations—don't let me discourage you so much, dear readers. One decent shot in the hundred odd (average us dubs) taken for eighteen holes, is ample reward, and gives material for one week's talk, and that my friends is more than you can say about any other sport—and so when Sunday rolls along (come rain, come sleet, come wind), you're out there again to see if this week you can get in two good shots!

A direct challenge to my readers, but to you especially who have recently received that familiar "hiji-deppo"—"I'm thru" with love, etc., etc., take up golf, "imo-hori" (potato digging), a term more suitable for us dubs—I assure you, you won't give up this "heartbreaker"—"till death do you part."

Slices and Hooks and Shanks

The Spring Handicap Tournament—genial, curly-haired "Doc" **Banno**, becomes top favorite, and the man to watch—after an even [illegible] net score he revealed a week ago. Is that man hot? Just ask our [illegible] bachelor **Tommy Yoshida**—taken thru' the cleaners right into the [illegible] doghouse—it's O.K., Frances—forgive him this time, he's sure to do better the next. Second favorite—our latest recruit—and the biggest of all golf bugs, me included—**Frankie Miyazaki**. Already he can spot his pater 10 strokes and win hands down! Admit it, **Harry**, you might as well. You won't? Well, I'll bet you 2-1 he'll beat you and I'll referee the match, gratis.

The Nineteenth Hole

And so to the 19th hole—the golfer's term for the clubhouse—and the figuring of profit and loss—a quick gander at this column seems to be a loss of good paper and valuable space—but don't be too hard on me—it wasn't any of my choosing that you have to take this.

P.S.—Sam Snead and Ralph Guldahl are coming to Vancouver on the 8th of May, Wednesday, for a four-ball exhibition against **Kenny Black** Canadian Amateur Champion of 1939), and **Freddy Wood**, Fraser Pro. All golfers are declaring a half holiday—here's one time I class myself as a golfer, I've heard quite a lot about these two, so I'm taking the afternoon off (also our divot digging dentist—his idea in the first place), to get a few pointers on how the game should be really played.

Just between you and me, maybe there are hopes for duffers like us and we don't know it. I'll be sorely disappointed if they don't dub at least one shot. The latter case, I can come back and say Sam Snead, the greatest money winner in golf, and Ralph Guldhal, U.S. Open Champion (1938), have something in common with me. Well, so long and not too much razzberries and horse laffs, PLEASE!!!

Here and There In Nisei Sports

SKI HEIL!

Tra-a-ack! Wup it's the King of sport of winter—SKIING—and with an international flavor to boot! The localites should eke out a win and successfully defend the Nishihama Cup.

Still on skiis, but that time—"you'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade"—seems to be the keynote of the ski maestros on their trek southward. Not to be outdone by the boulevard himself a complete new outfit in promenaders "Bus" Ohori has got the latest ski fashions to show the Seattleite.

"Thin Ice."

Paging "SONNE HENNE"! The eternal youth and A-1 insurance salesman is going down with the skiers to show the boys "How to Ski in One Easy Lesson." Take note, you holidayers, and go to "Paradise" with the skiers and see a 4-ring circus all rolled up in one, in the person of Roy Yamamura.

How About the 'Bacon'?

While I'm still in Seattle (in my column and in my soul, if not in actuality), how about those two casaba games for your manager, "Mi" Akiyama, for the wonderful way he conducted a very successful season up here? With the inclusion of "Ide" Idenouye from Woodfibre, let's see you take them. All right Nippons, let's go. Here's good luck to all you Seattle invaders, girls included.

Horsehide and Hickory.

Union Fish, last year's Diamond Champs, and the new league entry the Asahi Niguns took their initial practise last Sunday. Sore arms and liniment were in order for the Monday menu. The ever popular Giants, this year under the sponsorship of the Nisei Athletic Club will get under way this Sunday. The Niguns made up the remnants of last year's Mikados are still in need of more players, so you aspiring Joe Dimaggios and Hank Greenbergs come on out and get a trial!

Yes sir, spring is definitely on its way, and even the weatherman is co-operating for a change. Baseballers in spring training—golfers out in full force from the winter's hibernation—you can almost hear the crack of their stiff bones as they try to follow thru'—softball leagues already under way—soccer strip and boots already in moth balls till the fall—tennis players talking of racquets to be re-strung—courts to be rolled.

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